

April 15, 1964

MEMORANDUM TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION

FROM: J. Lee Rankin, General Counsel

RE: Testimony before the Commission  
(April 21 - 23, 1964)

The following witnesses are now scheduled to appear  
before the Commission next week.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Witness</u>	<u>Comment</u>
Tuesday, April 21 2:30 p.m.	Governor John B. Connally Mrs. John B. Connally Dr. Charles Gregory Dr. Robert Shaw	The last two witnesses were two of the doctors who treated Governor Connally.
Wednesday, April 22 9:00 a.m.	Lt. Carl Day Capt. J. W. Fritz Chief J. E. Curry	These witnesses are from the Dallas Police Department.
Thursday, April 23 9:00 a.m.	Mr. Lyndal L. Shaneyfelt Mr. Forrest V. Sorrels Mr. Winston G. Lawson Mr. Robert Bouck	Mr. Shaneyfelt is an agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation who will testify regarding his examination of pictures and cameras associated with Oswald. The other three witnesses are Secret Service agents who will testify regarding the advance preparations for the Dallas trip and the facilities of the Protective Research Section.

## PROPOSED OUTLINE OF REPORT

### I. Introduction and Statement of Objectives

(The Report should start with a brief statement setting forth the origin of the Commission and its objectives and standards. It is important to clarify the Commission's position as a fact-finding body and to indicate wherein our findings differ from a judicial determination of criminal guilt.)

### II. Narrative Account of the Assassination and Subsequent Events through November 24, 1963

### III. Brief Summary of Major Conclusions

- A. Identity of the Assassin
- B. Conclusions Concerning Motive
- C. Ruby's Killing of Oswald and Conclusion as to Motive
- D. Recommendations in the Area of Presidential Protection

### IV. The Assassination - Basic Facts

- A. Arrival in Dallas
- B. Physical Setting
  - 1. Description of Motorcade
  - 2. Description of Area where Shooting Occurred
- C. Shooting
  - 1. Number of Shots
  - 2. Medical Effect of Each Shot
  - 3. Point from which Shots Fired

4. Statistical Data
  - a. Elapsed time of shooting
  - b. Distance travelled by Presidential car
  - c. Speed of car
  - d. Distance travelled by each bullet
5. Events Immediately Following Shooting
  - a. Reaction of Secret Service personnel
  - b. Trip to Parkland
  - c. Events in Parkland
  - d. Trip to Love Field
  - e. Return to Washington

V. Lee Harvey Oswald as the Assassin

(This Section should state the facts which lead to the conclusion that Oswald pulled the trigger and should also indicate the elements in the case which have either not been proven or are based on doubtful testimony. Each of the facts listed below should be reviewed in that light.)

- A. Source of Shots
  1. Testimony of eyewitnesses and employees on fifth floor
  2. Medical testimony
  3. Location of rifle and cartridge cases
- B. Identification of Rifle as Murder Weapon
  1. Ballistics
  2. Capability of Rifle
- C. Lee Harvey Oswald's Ownership of Rifle
- D. Evidence of Oswald Carrying Weapon to Texas School Book Depository

E. Evidence Placing Lee Harvey Oswald on Sixth Floor

1. Access to Floor
2. Palm Prints on Carton
3. Print on Paper Bag

F. Eyewitness Identification of Oswald Shooting Rifle

G. Probative Significance of Oswald's Actions After Assassination

1. Disposal of Rifle
2. Encounter with Baker and Truly
3. Departure from Building
4. Bus and Taxi Ride
5. Visit to Rooming House
6. Murder of Tippit
7. Arrest in Texas Theater

H. Police Interrogation of Oswald

I. Prior Similar Acts

1. General Walker Shooting
2. Nixon Incident

J. Oswald's Prior Experience with Weapons

K. Probative Value of other Oswald Acts prior to Assassination

1. Securing a Job in Texas School Book Depository
2. Return to Irving on November 21
3. Conversations with Wife
4. Failure to take Available Money
5. Renting of Room on Beckley Street under Alias
6. Retention of Hidell identification card

L. Conclusion

VI. Possible Conspiratorial Motive

- A. Evidence of Accomplices at Scene of Assassination
- B. Evidence of any Foreign Conspiracy
  - 1. Soviet plot
  - 2. Cuban plot
- C. Evidence of any Domestic Conspiracy
  - 1. Rightist groups
  - 2. Leftist groups
  - 3. Underworld

VII. Possible Personal Motive

- A. Personal Animosity toward Kennedy or Connally
- B. Political Beliefs of Lee Harvey Oswald
- C. Psychological and Psychiatric

VIII. Killing of Oswald by Ruby

- A. Brief Background of Jack Ruby
- B. Facts of the Killing
- C. Possible Conspiratorial Motive
  - 1. Conspiracy with Dallas Police Department
  - 2. Conspiracy with those Responsible for Assassination of President Kennedy
- D. Possible Personal Motives
  - 1. Ruby as Self-styled Patriot, Hero, Important Man
  - 2. Psychological and Psychiatric
  - 3. Other

IX. Presidential Protection

- A. History of Presidential Protection, including Balancing of Security Needs and Public Obligations of President
- B. Description and Evaluation of Secret Service Protective Measures in Connection with the Dallas Trip
- C. Description and Evaluation of Intelligence Functions Relating to Presidential Protection at the time of the Dallas Trip
  - 1. Secret Service Protective Research Section
  - 2. Other Federal Agencies
  - 3. Liaison among Federal Agencies
- D. Recommendations
  - 1. Enactment of Federal Legislation Making Assassination an Offense
  - 2. Permanent Advisory Board and Regular Supervision in the Treasury Department
  - 3. Deployment of Secret Service Personnel and Other Protective Measures
  - 4. Coordination of Intelligence Data and Inter-Agency Liaison
  - 5. Other